



READING TEST VIII



Alex is an American boy. He lives in Los Angeles, California. He lives with his family in a modern house. He is eleven years old and he has got an older brother, David, and a younger sister, Emma. He starts his day at about half past seven. He gets up, goes to the bathroom, takes a shower, brushes his teeth and gets dressed. Then he has breakfast and at a quarter to eight he leaves home and catches the bus to go to school.

Classes begin at half past eight. He usually has lunch at the school canteen at half past twelve. After school, at quarter past five, he goes home. There he does his homework and when he finishes it he helps his Mom setting the table. At half past seven the family has dinner all together. Alex is a very helpful boy, so he helps his mother cleaning up everything after dinner. He usually watches TV a while after dinner and at about ten o'clock the most he brushes his teeth again, puts on his pajamas and goes to bed. His parents always kiss him good night before he gets asleep. Alex is a very happy boy.

Marque com um X nas informações que estão de acordo com o texto:

- a) Alex is from USA
- b) He lives in a modern flat
- c) He is eleven years old
- d) He has got two brothers
- e) Alex wakes up at 8 o'clock
- f) He walks to school
- g) His classes begin at 8:30
- h) he brushes his teeth twice a day
- i) Alex and his family have dinner at half past eight
- j) He is lazy and never helps his mother

2. Na frase "One minute I **held** the key" a palavra destacada é exemplo de um verbo:

- A) irregular no past simple.
- B) regular no past perfect.
- C) regular no past simple
- D) regular no present perfect.
- E) irregular no present perfect.



Japanese researchers have spent five years developing a humanoid robot system that can understand and respond to simultaneous speakers. They posit a restaurant scenario in which the robot is a waiter. When three people stand before the robot and simultaneously order pork cutlet meals or French dinners, the robot understands at about 70 percent comprehension, responding by repeating each order and giving the total price. This process takes less than two seconds and, crucially, requires no prior voice training. Such auditory powers mark a fundamental challenge in artificial intelligence – how to teach machines to pick out significant sounds amid the hubbub. This is known as the cocktail party effect, and most machines do not do any better than humans who have had a few too many martinis. (Scientific American, August 2007)

3. De acordo com o texto, pesquisadores japoneses desenvolveram um robô que:

- A) responde a perguntas e dá conselhos às pessoas, em poucos segundos.
- B) recebe treinamento para produzir fala inteligível.
- C) consegue adivinhar os desejos das pessoas.
- D) tem capacidade de interagir com interlocutores diferentes ao mesmo tempo.
- E) interage prontamente com qualquer pessoa, em várias línguas.

4. Segundo o texto, num cenário de restaurante, o robô:

- A) serve a mesa e escolhe os pratos para os clientes.
- B) anota pedidos e prepara a comida.
- C) organiza o funcionamento do restaurante.
- D) lê o cardápio em voz alta e dá sugestão de pratos.
- E) repete os pedidos feitos e informa o valor da refeição.

